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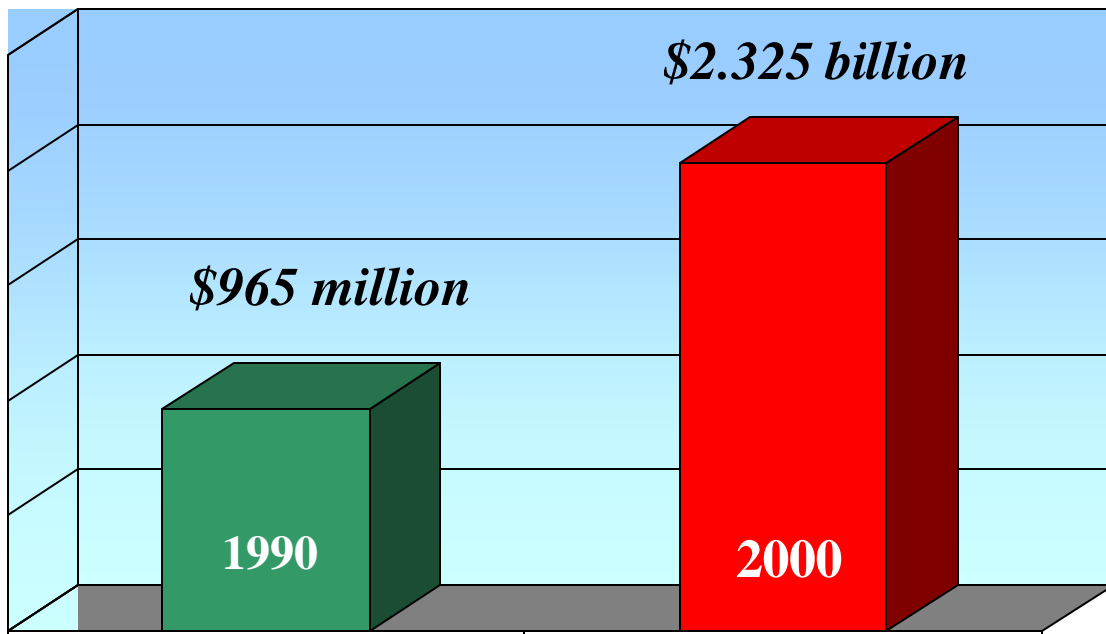
Transportation Plan for Our Future



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Go Montgomery! -- Six Goals for the Next Decade

- Get Montgomery moving and prevent complete gridlock on our roads.
- Build the roads, transit, and other congestion relief infrastructure that are called for in our Master Plans.
- Spend an additional \$1 billion for congestion relief through new, dedicated sources of revenue.
- Improve the Washington metropolitan region's air quality and develop projects to minimize environmental impacts.
- Make better use of technology to relieve traffic congestion.
- Get Maryland to build the state projects Montgomery County needs.



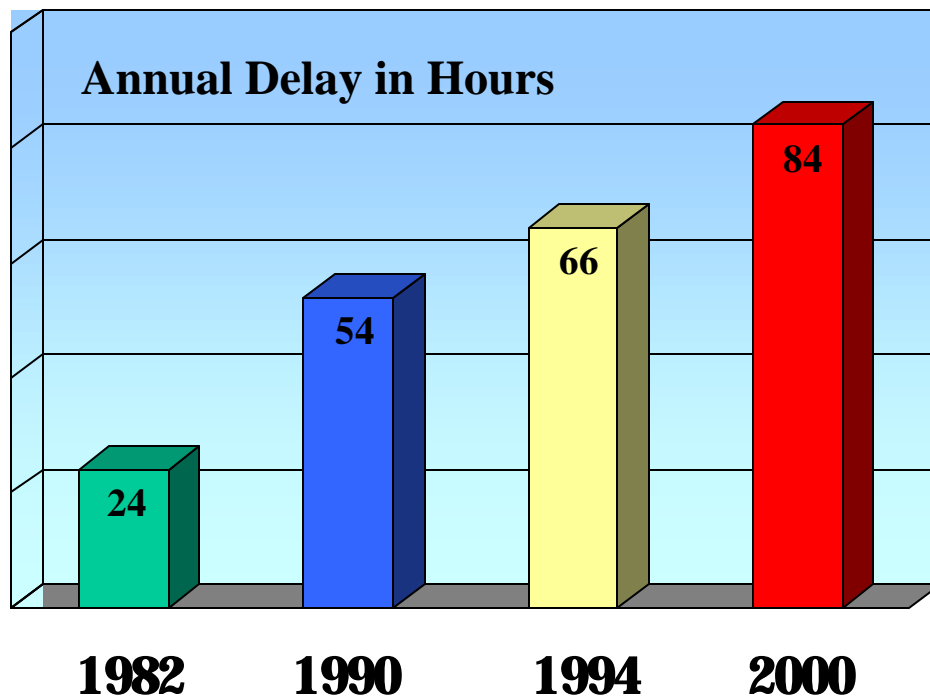
Congestion Costs in Greater Washington Area

Source: Texas Transportation Institute

The Problem

We're drowning in traffic congestion and it's costing the region billions each year.

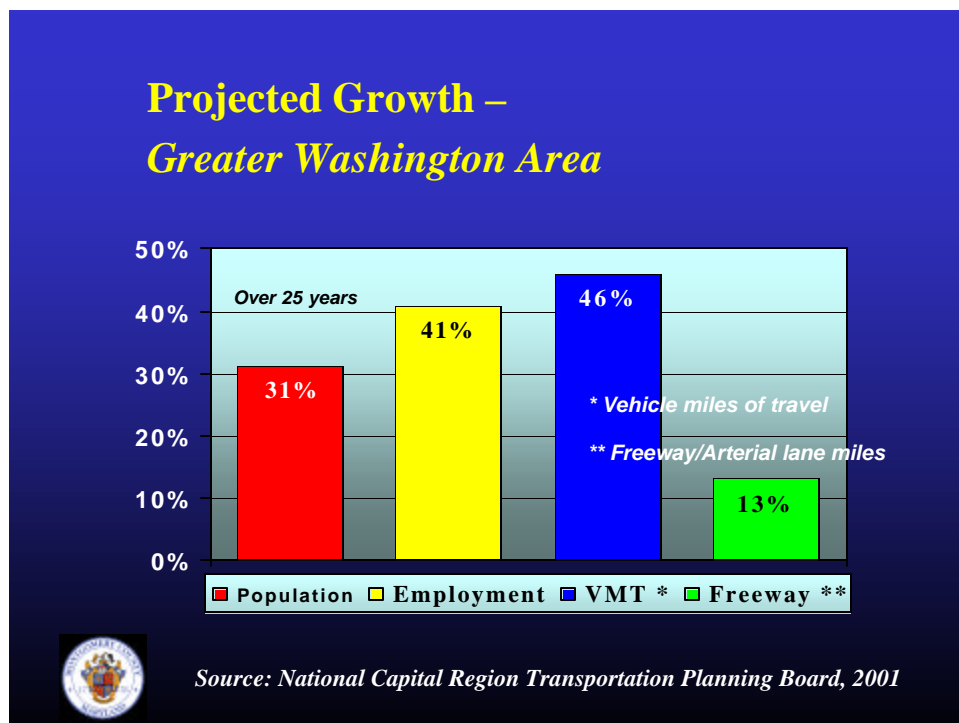
- Metropolitan Washington has the third worst traffic congestion in the nation.
- Costs resulting from wasted time and fuel for the region have more than doubled since 1990 – rising from \$965 million to more than \$2.3 billion.
- In the next 10 years, our average drive time to work could more than double.
- People are spending more time in traffic and less time with their families.



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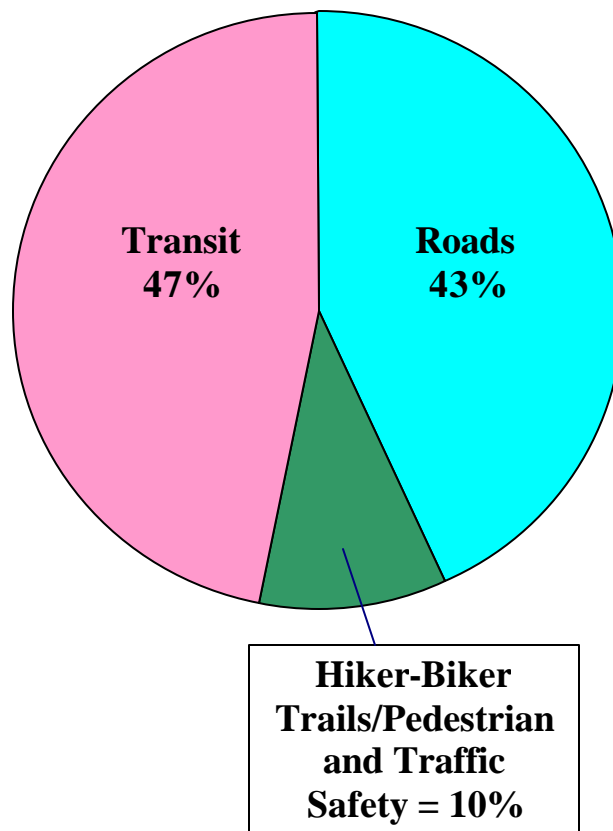
- Businesses are suffering, tempers are flaring, and absolute gridlock is just around the corner.
- Transportation projects planned 10, 20, 30 years ago are still just that – plans. Debates rage about roads to support development that occurred nearly a half century ago.
- Congestion is threatening the environment.
- Not only are we stuck in traffic gridlock, but we are stuck in political gridlock as well. The time for talk is past. . .the time for action is now.



A Balanced Plan

***Go Montgomery!* will get our County moving in the right direction with a comprehensive, balanced \$1 billion plan that addresses our major transportation needs – road, transit, and other forms of transportation. Together, we'll work on innovative solutions to move our community forward.**

The County will accelerate the projects we control and we will work hand in hand with the State and WMATA to jumpstart projects that fall outside of our direct responsibility.



The Solutions

MONTGOMERY COUNTY TAKES THE LEAD.

No more stalling! Montgomery will jumpstart these projects.

<u>Regional Initiatives</u>	<u>Montgomery Gets It Started</u>
Build Metro Purple Line	Forward Fund EIS *
Build InterCounty Connector	Forward Fund EIS
HOV on I-495	Forward Fund Design
HOV/bus bypass lanes I-270/I-370 to improve access to Shady Grove Metro	Forward Fund Design
Widen Clopper Road	Forward Fund Design
Build new interchange at I-270 and Watkins Glen Extended	Forward Fund Design

<u>We'll also push Maryland and WMATA to:</u>
Add capacity to I-270
Extend all Metro Red Line trains
Build the Corridor Cities Transitway
Build Georgia Avenue and Route 29 dedicated busways
Widen Great Seneca Highway from Clopper Road to Key West Avenue
Increase MARC commuter rail service between Silver Spring and Rockville

* *Environmental Impact Statement*

For detailed components, see pages 12 and 13.

The Solutions

LEAVE YOUR CAR AT HOME.

Arrive at work refreshed, then return home relaxed. Save wear and tear on your car – and, most importantly, on yourself.

<i>Expand Alternative Transportation Options</i>
Expand bus service by more than 40 percent
Provide bus rapid transit service on dedicated bus lanes
Add more transit centers and express bus service
Add automated bus information at all major Ride On bus stops
Expand reduced bus fare programs
Offer free rides for kids anytime on Ride On and Metrobuses
Expand employer incentives for transit
Improve foot and bike access to transit
Construct new hiker-biker trails: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Metropolitan Branch Trail- Georgetown Branch Trail- Matthew Henson Trail

The Solutions *

RELIEVE EAST-WEST CONGESTION

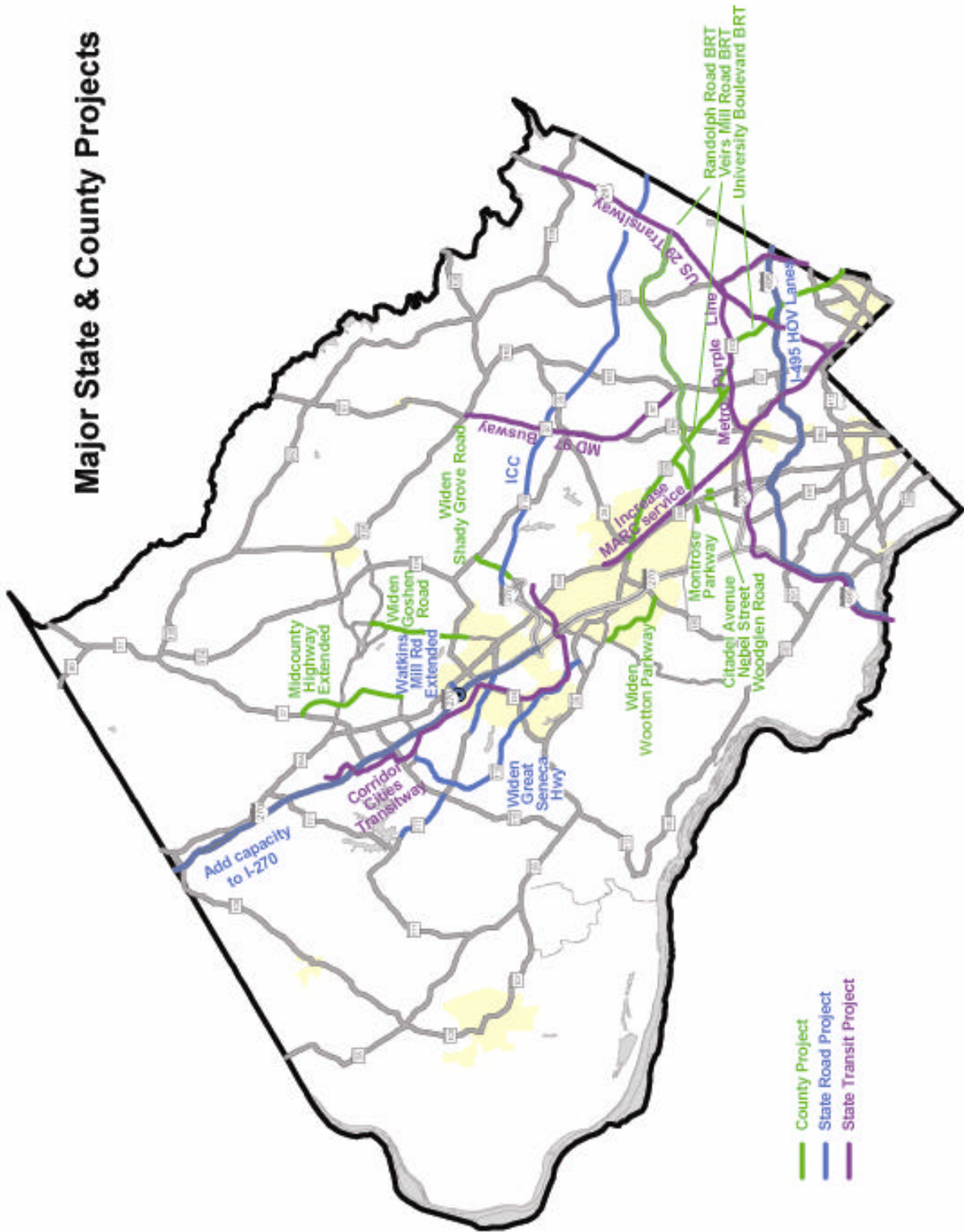
- Accelerate the Montrose Parkway (western and eastern ends).
- Provide express bus service along I-495 HOV lanes.
- Build Watkins Mill Road Extended from MD Route 355 to MD Route 117.
- Widen Shady Grove Road from I-370 to Muncaster Mill Road.
- Construct bus rapid lanes/queue jumpers along:
 - Randolph Road
 - Veirs Mill Road (MD Route 586)
 - University Boulevard (MD Route 193)
 - East-West Highway (MD Route 410)

RELIEVE NORTH-SOUTH CONGESTION

- Widen Wootton Parkway from Glen Mill Road to Falls Road.
- Widen Goshen Road from Warfield Road to the City of Gaithersburg.
- Build Nebel Street from MD Route 355 to Randolph Road.
- Build Citadel Avenue and Woodglen Road from Marinelli Road to Nicholson Lane.
- Build M-83 (Mid-County Highway Extended) from MD Route 27 to Middlebrook Road.

** Projects paid for with County funds*

Major State & County Projects



CHANGING HOW THINGS GET DONE

- Appoint a *Go Montgomery!* director.
- Streamline how transportation projects are planned and constructed.
- Use technology to increase the capacity and efficiency of the transportation infrastructure.
- Promote living near where you work and shop:
 - Encourage mixed-use developments to reduce the need to drive
 - Help people who work in our County find affordable housing here
 - Encourage pedestrian links to retail
- Create an environment conducive to walking and biking; incorporate bike lanes in new road projects.
- Ensure pedestrian safety and accessibility are integrated in current and future public projects.
- Implement strike teams to quickly remove accident bottlenecks on local roadways and render aid to stranded motorists.
- Provide incentives to encourage telecommuting.

OUR COMMITMENT:
DRAMATICALLY INCREASE TRANSPORTATION SPENDING

Everybody contributes. Everybody benefits.

- Dedicate an additional \$1 billion in new local transportation spending for congestion relief efforts over 10 years

Our Investment

- 3 cent increase in dedicated transportation property tax
- 10 cent increase in State gas tax
- \$25 local vehicle registration fee
- New development pays its fair share through the Development Impact Tax

Transit Components – County	
COMPONENT	EST. \$*
Add 144 new buses 43% Increase	46
Increase bus operations by 40-45% over 10 year period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peak hour frequencies improve to 10 minutes on high ridership routes with 15 minute headways Extend bus service on main routes from existing 8 or 10 PM to midnight Add 15–20 new routes over 10 year period 	203
Add 3 new transit centers	4
Add 3 bus rapid transit projects	24
Improve bus operations with technology enhancements Provide real-time bus schedule information	4
Make all bus stops accessible with sidewalks	16
Continue funding for Fare Share and Super Fare Share	10
Provide express bus service on the I-270 and proposed I-495 HOV lanes	6
Support infrastructure maintenance and improvement	60
Build the Glenmont Metro garage	15
Improve existing Ride On infrastructure (garages, training center, etc.)	41
Optimize traffic management systems	20
Improve marketing activities	21
TOTAL	470

Road Components – County	
COMPONENT	EST. \$*
Construct 56 lane miles of additional roadway capacity on County system	287
Upgrade 20 existing bridges and build two new bridges	14
Provide targeted congestion relief by improving failing intersections	7
“Fast track” the planning and design of several crucial State highway segments	24
Fund critical data collection and travel monitoring efforts	3
Advance revitalization of Silver Spring CBD/Ripley District improvements	4
Ensure continued technological improvements for ATMS	8
Support infrastructure maintenance and improvement	62
Optimize traffic management systems	21
TOTAL	430

Hiker-Biker Trails/Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Components – County	
COMPONENT	EST. \$*
Construct/upgrade eight pedestrian facilities	15
Enhance pedestrian and bicycle access to rail stations	25
Construct/upgrade three hiker-biker trails	16
Create teams dedicated to rapid deployment for incident management/events	4
Fund 24-hour operation of the Transportation Management Center	7
Fund other safety initiatives	33
TOTAL	100

* Estimated amounts are in millions of dollars

Transit Components – State	
COMPONENT	EST. \$*
Build Metro Purple Line**	4,000
Build Georgia Avenue Busway	65
Build Corridor Cities Transitway**	800
Build US 29 Busway – Burtonsville to Silver Spring**	100
Increase MARC service between Rockville and Silver Spring	TBE
TOTAL	4,965

***These projects are likely to be completed beyond the Ten Year Plan period, but significant environmental and engineering work can be accomplished during that time.*

Road Components – State	
COMPONENT	EST. \$*
Add 118 lane miles of capacity to State highway system	1,810
Include six new interchanges on State highway system for congestion relief	350
Advance the completion of the InterCounty Connector (ICC) – provide 84 new lane miles of capacity	1,400
TOTAL	3,560

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Go Montgomery!

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*Together, let's get moving...to prevent gridlock,
to reduce congestion, and to preserve the quality
of life for ourselves, our children and
for those who follow us.*

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